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Petition for Reinstatement of Erroneously Abandoned Application

Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 24, 2003. Such Notice indicated that the above-referenced patent application was abandoned due to "Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 14 June 2002" and that, "No reply has been received." However, a timely reply to the Office letter of June 14, 2002 was filed on September 16, 2002.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Response to Office Action dated September 16, 2002 that was filed by fax on September 16, 2002 in response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2002. Also enclosed herewith is a copy of the fax Confirmation Report from the Applicant's fax machine, along with an Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission

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report from the USPTO evidencing USPTO receipt of the Response to Office Action with

a filing date of September 16, 2002.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the current application be

reinstated, Applicant's response dated September 16, 2002 to the Office Action mailed on

June 14, 2002 be entered and the current application be returned to examination.

As the abandonment of the current application appears to be a result of an error at

the United States Patent and Trademark Office, it is believed that no fee is due with this

paper. However, if any fee is due with this petition, it may be charged on Deposit

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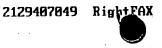
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